

SENATE BILL 894
By Harper

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4,
Chapter 29 and Title 68, Chapter 121, relative to
elevators, dumbwaiters, escalators, and aerial
tramways.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-121-102, is amended by adding
the following new subsections:

(c) The board shall meet not less than six (6) times a year. An applicant shall
submit in writing a request for an exception to any safety code used by the board not
later than fifteen (15) days before the next regularly scheduled or called meeting of the
board.

(d) When the American Society of Mechanical Engineers issues any updated
version of its Elevator Safety Code or its Elevator Safety Code for Existing Elevators and
Escalators, the board shall evaluate the revisions and issue a report to the
commissioner, the governor and the speaker of each house of the general assembly.

(e) As a part of the inspections required under this chapter, the board shall
inquire and report on any incident since the last inspection that involved personal injury
or death to a user of an elevator or an escalator.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-121-109, is amended by adding
the following new subsection:

(c) As provided in the applicable codes of the American Society of Mechanical
Engineers (ASME), as adopted by the Tennessee Elevator Safety Board, each elevator
shall have a means of two-way conversation. To satisfy this code requirement, an

elevator shall have a dedicated telephone line or a line consolidation technology that enables the simultaneous operation of more than one (1) communication device.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-121-106(1), is amended by adding after the second sentence the following language:

Such inspection and test shall occur within seven (7) days of the written request by the building owner or the party responsible for the operation of the building, unless a longer time is agreed to by both the building owner or party responsible for the operation of the building and the inspector.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-121-110, is amended by deleting subsection (b) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(b) A license to serve as an inspector may be suspended or revoked by the department for the incompetence or untrustworthiness of the holder or for the falsification of any matter or statement contained in an application or in a report of an inspection. Such suspension or revocation is a contested case under the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.